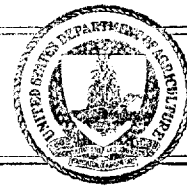


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MUSK-OX HERD PASSES QUARANTINE
AND STARTS JOURNEY TO ALASKA

The experimental herd of 34 musk-oxen which arrived in New York from Greenland on September 15 is now on its way to Alaska after safely passing a month's quarantine at the Bureau of Animal Industry Quarantine Station, at Athenia, N. J., says Dr. W. B. Bell, of the Bureau of Biological Survey of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, which is transferring these animals to Alaska in an effort to re-establish musk-oxen in the Territory. Doctor Bell, who accompanied the shipment as far as Jersey City, says that the animals were traveling comfortably, taking food and water as usual, and exhibiting no undue excitement. They were in excellent health during the quarantine period, with no trace of disease.

Half of the musk-oxen are young, born this year, and the other half are a year old or more. When they reached New York from Greenland their diet was changed from native hay, on which they were fed during the trip, to alfalfa hay, which they ate readily and on which they seemed to thrive. During the entire period they have been confined in roomy crates. The animals were loaded on two steel express cars and taken to Jersey City, where they started on their trip to Chicago. The express and railroad officials are interested in the shipment and have made thorough preparations for the animals' comfort and safety. At Seattle they will be transferred to the S.S. Yukon for the seven days' journey to Seward, Alaska, whence they will go via the Alaska Railroad to the Reindeer Experiment Station of the Bureau of Biological Survey at College, near Fairbanks.

Traveling in the same cars with the musk oxen on their long journey are Lawrence J. Palmer, in charge of the Alaska Reindeer Experiment Station, and Charles H. Rouse, assistant, who keep the animals under close supervision and attend to their needs. These men will have charge of the musk-oxen investigations to be conducted at the station.

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